

House Resolution No. 2850

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Betty Louise Baker, who received The Mexico Ledger Community Citizenship Award during the 10th annual North Central Missouri "Salute to Literacy" held at the Audrain County Historical Society; and

Whereas, the Salute to Literacy is sponsored by The Mexico Ledger in cooperation with several area businesses and organizations, including Mexico Public Schools, the City of Mexico, The Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Mexico-Audrain County Public Library; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Mexico, Betty Baker played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as an American History Teacher at Mexico High School from 1947 to 1983; and

Whereas, Betty Baker graduated from Mexico High School in 1939, received her Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education from the University of Missouri, and taught for four years in Leadwood, Missouri, and McAlester, Oklahoma, before joining the Mexico 59 School District; and

Whereas, a 1954 Ford Foundation Fellow, Betty Baker served as a curriculum consultant to the Missouri State Department of Education in the development of a state Social Studies Curriculum guide during the 1950s; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Betty Baker, a remarkable individual and stellar educator for many years who has continued to promote literacy in the Mexico community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Betty Baker upon her most worthy receipt of the very first Mexico Ledger Community Citizenship Award, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Betty Baker.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2850, adopted May 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker